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**Introduced by Senator Runner**

February 22, 2005

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An act to add Section 32130.6 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 776, as introduced, Runner. Health care districts: medical equipment: long-term lease or lease purchase agreements.

Existing law provides for the formation and establishes the powers of a health care district. Existing law authorizes a health care district to purchase or lease property of every kind and description within and without the limits of the district, and to control, dispose of, convey, and encumber the same and create a leasehold interest in the same for the benefit of the district. Existing law also authorizes a health care district to establish, maintain, and operate, or provide assistance in the operation of, one or more health facilities or health services. Existing law places limits on the extent to which a health care district may borrow money and incur indebtedness.

This bill would provide that notwithstanding any other law, the board of directors of a health care district may enter into long-term lease or lease purchase agreements for the acquisition of diagnostic, radiologic, surgical, or other medical equipment necessary for the assessment, diagnosis, or treatment of hospital patients.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 32130.6 is added to the Health and
- 2 Safety Code, to read:

1     32130.6. Notwithstanding any other law, the board of  
2     directors of a health care district may enter into long-term lease  
3     or lease purchase agreements for the acquisition of diagnostic,  
4     radiologic, surgical, or other medical equipment necessary for the  
5     assessment, diagnosis, or treatment of hospital patients.

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